

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF OHIO STATE SENATOR EDNA BROWN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to distinguished Ohio Senator Edna Brown, a trailblazer who recently passed away.

Edna Brown was a remarkable public servant from Toledo, Ohio, who dedicated her life and her three decades of service to improving the well-being and future of our community.

As the first and only African American to represent Lucas County in the Ohio Senate, she blazed a trail for many to follow at the highest level of elected office in Ohio.

She was a warm, inviting, and immensely kind person whose focus was always on public service and bettering the lives of the people she served, the people she truly loved.

Northwest Ohio lost a great champion. Her family lost a great mother and grandmother. America needs more people like Edna Brown in public service.

Her memory will live with us, and I know her legacy will inspire the next generation of Ohio's leaders, including women leaders.

I include in the RECORD her life story and obituary as a tribute to her persevering accomplishments for our Nation's betterment. Godspeed, Edna Brown. May the angels carry her very high, and may she rest in her peace.

SENATOR EDNA BROWN BIOGRAPHY

Edna Brown was elected to serve Ohio's 11th Senate District in November, 2010. She came from the Ohio House of Representatives, where she served Ohio's 48th House District. The Toledo native was a public school graduate who attended the University of Toledo and Mary Manse College. Her dedication to public service led to a 32-year career as an employee with the city of Toledo, followed by a six-year tenure on Toledo City Council.

She moved to the Statehouse in January 2002 to fill the House seat of then newly-elected Toledo mayor Jack Ford. Since her arrival, she worked tirelessly on issues of voting rights, health, violence against women and economic development.

Her idea to bring "no excuse" absentee voting to Ohio was incorporated into a bill that became state law in January 2006. For her efforts, the Ohio Association of Election Officials and the Ohio Secretary of State honored her with the Jack Wolfe Memorial Award as one of two "Legislators of the Year." In 2007, Brown introduced a bill to immunize young women from the human papilloma virus, and a bill addressing violence in teen dating relationships.

Senator Brown served as a member of the House Finance & Appropriations Committee and as Chair of the Human Services Subcommittee. She also served on the House Commerce and Labor Committee, the Elections and Ethics Committee, and the Commerce and Labor Committee. Senator Brown sat on the Ohio Commission on Minority

Health Board and served as Chair of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. She was a member of the House Cancer Caucus.

Senator Brown was the First Vice President of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, and served on the Executive Committee the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She also worked as state director for WILL/WAND, a non-partisan national organization for women legislators.

Senator Brown was very active in her hometown. She was instrumental in founding the Greater Toledo Urban League and sat on the Board of Directors. She was a past chair of the Administration Board for Braden United Methodist Church, and was a charter member of the Executive Women's Golf Association.

All of her efforts garnered Senator Brown numerous awards. She won an inaugural "ROSA" Award from the Toledo Board of Community Relations for living a life parallel to the example set by civil rights leader Rosa Parks. The Toledo YWCA also honored Brown as a 2007 Milestone Award recipient for her contributions and achievements and WILL/WAND honored her with a Pacesetter Award the same year.

SENATOR EDNA BROWN OBITUARY

Senator Edna R. Brown, a Servant to Toledo, Mentor to many and Friend to all, passed away peacefully in her home, Saturday, January 1, 2022.

She was born in Tuscaloosa Alabama, April 4, 1940, the oldest of ten children, to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie and Pauline Hutton. She relocated to Toledo in 1952, attended The Jesup W. High Scott her freshman year in 1954 and graduated from The Harriett E. Whitney Vocational High School in 1958 and attended what was known as Mary Manse College and the University of Toledo. While at the University of Toledo, she accepted a position with the City of Toledo, which led to a 32-year career serving the Toledo Communities.

After retirement from the City of Toledo, Senator Brown began her career as an elected official. She was sworn into office January 3, 1994, to serve on Toledo City Council. When the late Jack Ford resigned from The Ohio House of Representatives to become Mayor of Toledo, Edna was appointed to serve the remainder of his term. Representative Brown was elected to a full term in 2002 and was re-elected four times. In 2010 Senator Brown won the Ohio State Senator seat, where she served as the Minority Whip and represented the 11th Senate District from 2011 until her retirement, December 31, 2018.

During her political career, Senator Brown sponsored and or co-sponsored legislation to benefit Veterans and their Families, Women, Children, and the Elderly. She was the original sponsor of the "NO EXCUSE" absentee voting for Ohio in 2005 and was the primary sponsor of HB 10 which addressed violence in teen dating. She proudly sponsored a bill to create Special License Plates for members of the Ohio Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons.

Senator Brown was preceded in death by parents; husband of 40 years Willie Brown; daughter, Carol Lewis; brothers, Charlie Hutton, Jr. and Joseph D. Hutton. She leaves to cherish her loving memory: daughters, Linda Armstrong, Christine Brown Daniels (Dayton OH) and Kathy (Johnnado) Dadzie; thirteen grand and great-grandchildren; sisters Imogene Lott, Lula (Ruben) Aldridge

and Essie Powell (Dayton, OH); brothers, Johnny Hutton and Dr. Thomas (Lucille) Hutton. Services of Remembrance for Senator Brown will be Private. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Braden United Methodist Church.

"I have always strived to improve the lives of others, and find solace in knowing that I gave my all to the people of Lucas County," Senator Edna Brown.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO J. CARTER SEIBEL

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to J. Carter Seibel, who passed away on December 28, 2021 at seventy-four years of age. A resident of Delta, Pennsylvania for nearly fifty years, Carter was a friend to many in the community. Nowhere was that more evident than during his time as a teacher at North Harford High School in Pylesville, Maryland where he taught for over two decades, touching the lives of countless students.

He established a German language program at North Harford, advised on the school's yearbook, and offered up his musical talents playing piano in the school's musicals. His love of music and the piano brought joy to many in the community as he played at numerous weddings and events, including some hosted by his former students. Carter also loved Delta as well, serving as a member of the Borough Council and working on initiatives aimed at promoting the borough.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Cindy, as well as his children and grandchildren on Carter's passing. He will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, had my vote for Call of the House been cast, it would have been recorded as present. Had I been present, I would have voted pres Roll Call No. 1.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF THE WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BRONCO MARCHING BAND

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, during the fall of 2021, the Western Michigan University

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